

The Brethren Evangelist,

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

S. J. HARRISON,
S. H. BashorEditor
Vice Editor.ADVISORY COMMITTEE
J. M. Tombaugh I. D. Bowman
C. Forney.

Address all communications for this office to Ashland, Ohio, and for the sake of convenience, make all drafts, express orders, etc., payable to S. J. Harrison.

MORE ABOUT OUR MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

In accordance with our wish and hope the publication of the brother's letter last week making certain inquiries regarding the Ministerial Association is satisfactory, as can be seen by the following

LETTER :

February 23, '94.
DEAR BRO. HARRISON :—No. 8 is here. Your answer to my personal of the 12th is wholly satisfactory. Permit me, however, a comment or two :

1st. I agree with "the Institute held at Warsaw last summer" that no one should object to taking the course of study ; and, while not availing myself of its unquestionable advantages, I intended no disparagement. The press of work both at home and abroad made it impossible for me to enter upon any such curriculum and proceed with reasonable success.

2nd. I think, at the same time, that it might have placed the Institute in a better light before the church had she made good her promise to members on their first enrolment, with the understanding that the next year the change should take effect. But I have no fault to find, and I am certain that the members who have made the ruling, acted in good faith with a view to the best interests of the ministry of our Church. I wish the Institute, and her Instructor, and officers, God's richest blessing and abundant success, and am ready to do all in my power to advance any movement looking toward the elevating of the moral and mental standard of our ministry.

With love and best wishes, I am,
YOUR BROTHER IN HIM.

REMARKS.

We consider the point well taken that to retain the confidence in the stability and integrity of the Association no such radical changes as were made should have been considered. We think it would be well for our next Institute to repeal every thing conflicting with the original plan, and then incorporate in the Constitution and By Laws an article requiring all changes of said Constitution and By Laws to be submitted in writing one year before it could be acted upon, and then require a three-fourths majority to effect the change.

We are confident that radical and violent changes in plans are always dangerous, and often unwise ; and the very fact that most of us have broken fellowship with some other denomination should teach us that we are likely to err in carrying that same positivism into every part of our church work. There is no lesson which the majority of the members in the Brethren church need so much to learn as that of *forbearance and consideration*. By far too many of us for the good of our cause have a predisposition to "jump at conclusions." Knowing where our weakness lies let us protect ourselves at that point.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We now think Homer is improving.

Bro. Hopkins is holding meetings at Disko, Ind.

As a rule the greater the man the less show he makes.

"Oh for a heart to love my God, a heart from sin set free."

The most generous and benevolent people make the least ado about what they do for others.

Bro. G. W. Riddle of New Berne, W. Va. is recovering from a three weeks siege of suffering.

We are glad to report that at last Dr. Garst's health is improving, and we have hopes of a visit from him in a few weeks.

The article in last number entitled "By Christ and for Christ" without the author's name should be credited to C. H. Balsbaugh.

All our Ashland city members who have not yet attended our Bible Student's Prayer-meeting in the college chapel are earnestly invited to come next Friday evening at 7:30.

Brother Stephen Hildebrand of Johnstown, Pa., has our deepest sympathy in the tragic death of his son, Samuel. God only can administer a cordial that will assuage his grief.

Our last word from Bro. Haskins, at Warsaw, Ind., was dated Sat. morning. On the night previous eleven came out, six of whom are heads of families. The work there goes gloriously forward.

Sister Isaac Kilhefner made a short call at the EVANGELIST office last week and renewed her subscription to the EVANGELIST, and left a letter written by her boy, Ralph. We were pleased to get acquainted with Sister Kilhefner, and hope to meet her frequently in our chapel services.

All orders for Annuals received to date were filled one week ago today. If any have failed to receive what they ordered we shall be glad to have them inform us immediately.

A brother who solicited some job work for us received the following word after its delivery: "Just received the Letter Heads. They are very nice. I like them much better than what I have previously had."

"Why is it that those who say hardest things of the drunkard and drunkard maker, have the least to say about the maker of the drunkard maker? Answer. Because a man doesn't like to speak against himself."

We are in receipt of a letter from E. Berkebile enclosing \$2.00; but the letter is without date or Post office address. Any one knowing his address will confer a favor on him and us by imparting such knowledge to us.

If health permits we shall begin a protracted meeting in Ashland University chapel next Sunday evening. Bro. Haskins expects to come and assist as soon as he can leave the very successful meeting he is holding at Warsaw, Ind.

"Every brazen drunkard maker, every bloated brewer, every sot, bum and physical wreck made by rum, every drunkard's starving family must be supported by somebody. Their support at the last is the honest worker who pays his debts."

IF YOU are seeking help, look upward; if you want to see sorrow, look about you; if you are looking for human weaknesses, look at yourself; if you are looking for strength, look to God. One can always find what he is looking for, providing he looks in the right direction.

An effort will be made by the Progressive Brethren to secure St. Mark's Episcopal church, on Commercial street, for their place of worship. For a number of years this denomination have held their services in the College chapel and they are anxious to get into a church edifice.—*Waterloo, Iowa, Courier*.

—Rev. Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage has this to say about new and old hymns:

"New tunes and new hymns every Sunday make poor congregational singing. Fifty hymns are enough for fifty years. The Episcopal Church prays the same prayers every Sabbath, and year after year, and century after century. For that reason they have the hearty responses. Let us take a hint from that fact, and let us sing the same songs Sabbath after Sabbath. Only in that way can we come to the full force of this exercise. Twenty thousand years will not wear out the hymns of William Cowper and Charles Wesley and Isaac Watts."